Alley, D.R.

[Hayden, CO]

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American Numismatic Society
156 St Broadway N. Y City.

Dear Sirs:-

Aug the 10th 1918 I found this coin in the shell-ruins of a village south of Soissons France.

A Frenchman - who was with me when I found it - told me that the Peasants had made these coins from Emperor dies that they captured at Versailles and used them as a medium of exchange

He also said that these iron coins were very rare.

I haven't been able to verify this. I wonder if you gentlemen could help me.

Find enclosed return postage.

Thanking you very sincerly.

Yours truly

D. P. Alley

Hayden Colo.

P.S. Of what value, if any

13th May, 1929

Mr. D. R. Alley,
Hayden, Colo.

Dear Sir:

Your letter as well as the package containing the coin, received. These curious pieces are not listed in French works as a rule; I have seen pictures, however, of similar pieces made around Lyons and Lille. Your peasant was partly right in its history. It was made following the French Revolution locally, but not from imperial dies. What they did was to take the coins in circulation and make moulds from which they made castings, impressing in one mould an inverted lily.

We might be interested in this piece as coming from near Soissons. We would be willing to give you $2.50 for it, in case you care to sell the piece. I will hold it here until I hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Hayden
June 8 1929.

The American Numismatic Society.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask you to return a coin I sent you to have identified.

I have been told by several who examined the coin, before I sent it to you that it was a very rare and valuable coin probly the only one in existince one collector offered me $200.00 so I could hardly accept your offer of $2.50. as it is worth far more than that to me as a souvenir from France.

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D. R. Allen

Hayden

Colo.

Box 184.

14th June, 1929

Mr. D. R. Alley,
Box 184, Hayden, Colo.

Dear Sir:

As per your request of June 8th, we are returning the coin you sent on a while ago.

Very truly yours,

Curator